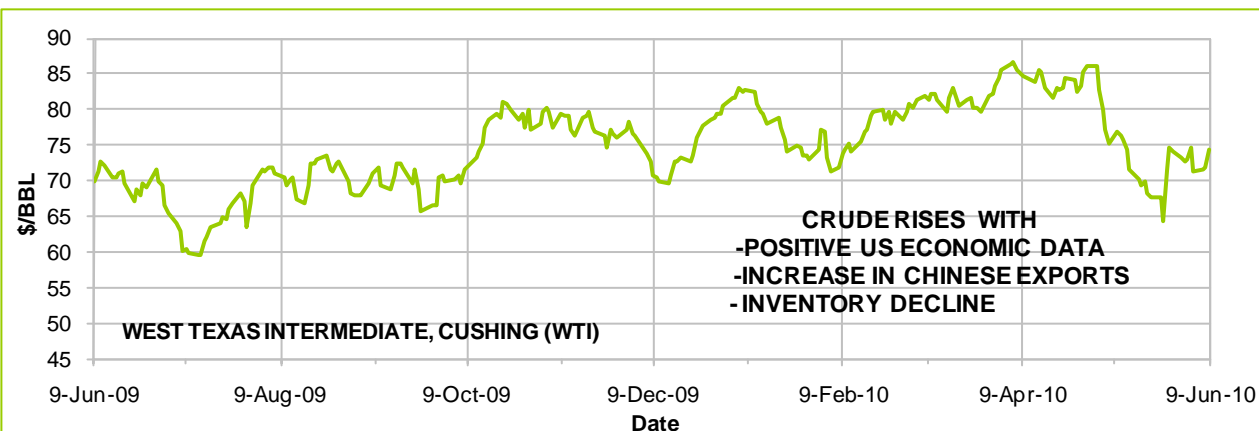


Crude Oil



Crude inventories fell by 1.8 million barrels this past week after falling by 1.9 million the week before. This week's decline was almost twice the 1.0 million barrel decline that was expected and 11% less than 2.0 million barrel average decline for this time period. Crude stocks have improved to 0.2% below last year and 7.2% above the 5-year average. For this time period inventory levels are now at their second highest level in the past 20 years.

Spot prices rose by \$2.50 yesterday and by \$1.50 for the week on positive U.S. economic data, a bearish inventory report, and a large increase in Chinese exports. The spot price settled at \$74.36, \$4.37 (6.2%) higher than a year ago but 48.8% lower than 2008's peak price. Futures prices rose by \$2.012 yesterday, reversing earlier losses and leading to a weekly gain of \$0.29. At \$78.14, they are \$4.23 (5.7%) higher than last year but 46.6% below 2008's peak price.

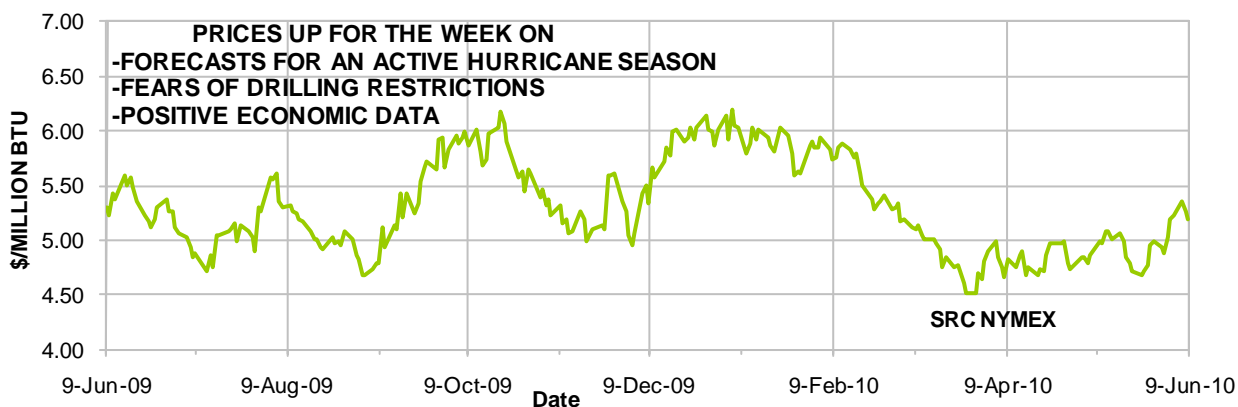


Natural gas



Inventories rose by 99 BCF this past week. This was 4.2% above both the 5-year average gain and the expected gain of 95 BCF. Over the past 12 weeks inventories are up by 841 BCF, 39% higher than the normal gain of only 604 BCF for the time period. At 2,456 BCF, this week's inventory level is 14.2% above the 5-year average and 1.2% higher than a year ago. It is the highest ever for this date.

Despite record high inventories, prices have been rising because of positive economic news, growing cooling demand, and forecasts for an active hurricane season. However, price declines over the past 2 days limited the weekly gains. Futures prices settled at \$5.197 per million BTU, up 17.4 cents for the week but 1.8% lower than a year ago. They are 61.0% below their 2008 peak. Spot prices rose by 42.0 cents this past week. They ended yesterday at \$4.750 per million BTU. They are 34.6% higher than a year ago but 64.3% below their 2008 peak price.

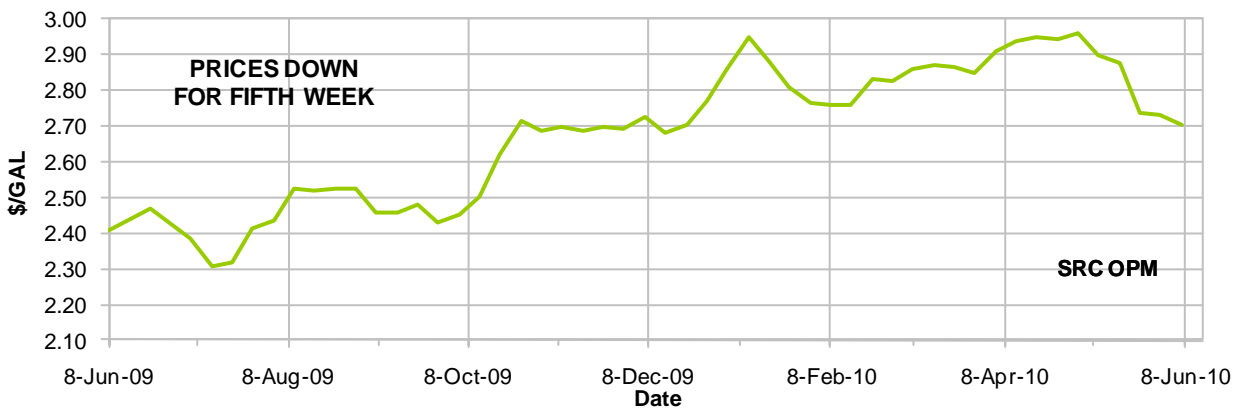


Heating oil



Distillate stocks rose by 1.8 million barrels this past week. This compares to the expected gain of only 0.3 million and the 5-year average gain of 1.3 million. Inventory levels are 3.4% above last year and 25.9% above the five-year average

Movements in heating oil prices are lagging crude price movements. The 12 month strip fell by \$0.001/gal this week and is now at \$2.115/gal, 14.6 cents (7.4%) higher than a year ago. The spot price fell by 1.8 cents and is at \$1.990 /gal, 22.2 cents (12.6%) above last year. Both are 50% below their 2008 peak prices. Retail prices fell another 2.9 cents this past week and have fallen by 25.3 cents over the past 5 weeks as heating oil prices react to earlier declines in crude. At \$2.705/gal, retail prices are 30.0 cents (12.5%) above a year ago but are \$2.062 (43.3%) below their 2008 peak price. The highest price in this week's survey was \$3.299 and the lowest was \$2.299. According to census data, 49.1% of dwelling units in Connecticut heat with oil.



Connecticut Regional Heating Oil Prices

	FAIRFIELD			HARTFORD			NEW LONDON		
	AVG	HIGH	LOW	AVG	HIGH	LOW	AVG	HIGH	LOW
8-Jun-09	2.626	2.899	2.390	2.354	2.599	1.899	2.395	2.520	2.259
24-May-10	2.903	3.399	2.340	2.694	3.199	2.299	2.778	3.399	2.450
31-May-10	2.880	3.399	2.440	2.708	3.199	2.299	2.793	3.399	2.440
7-Jun-10	2.862	3.299	2.400	2.694	3.199	2.299	2.648	2.880	2.440
	LITCHFIELD			MIDDLESEX			TOLLAND-WINDHAM		
	AVG	HIGH	LOW	AVG	HIGH	LOW	AVG	HIGH	LOW
8-Jun-09	2.425	2.599	2.299	2.409	2.449	2.350	2.316	2.399	2.249
24-May-10	2.665	2.769	2.549	2.726	2.999	2.399	2.661	2.849	2.539
31-May-10	2.659	2.769	2.589	2.741	2.999	2.399	2.646	2.849	2.450
7-Jun-10	2.665	2.769	2.589	2.734	2.999	2.399	2.634	2.849	2.509
	NEW HAVEN								
	AVG	HIGH	LOW						
8-Jun-09	2.335	2.599	2.000						
24-May-10	2.689	2.899	2.399						
31-May-10	2.677	2.949	2.399						
7-Jun-10	2.641	2.899	2.399						

OPM conducts a weekly survey of retail heating oil prices in Connecticut. These figures reference the most recent results of that survey for the reporting week beginning June 7, 2010. Figures reflect per gallon prices without discount.

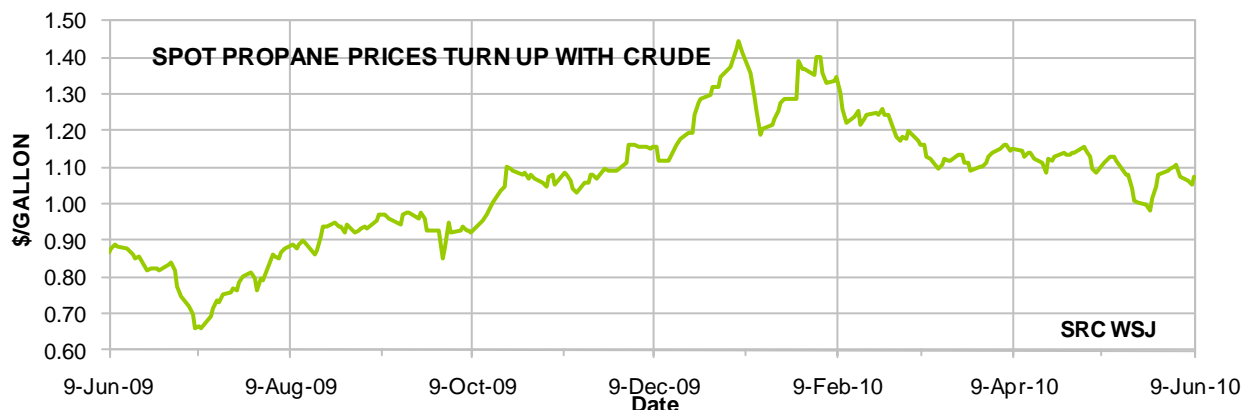
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Propane



Propane inventories increased this past week by 1.2 million barrels, about the same as the average gain of 1.3 million. Over the past 12 weeks inventories have grown by 17.8 million barrels, 47% above the 5-year average change for this time period of only 12.1 million. Current storage levels now trail last year's levels by 18.3% but are 0.6% above the 5-year average.

Spot propane prices had been tracking crude downward but now are rising as crude prices move upward. A 2.1 cent gain in yesterday's price limited the weekly decline to only 2.3 cents. Spot propane prices had fallen by 6.2 cents over the past 8 weeks. At \$1.076 per gallon yesterday, they are 21.1 cents (24.4%) higher than a year ago but 45.6% lower than their peak 2008 price. According to census data, 2.7% of homes in Connecticut are heated by propane.



Gasoline



Gasoline inventories rose marginally this past week. The increase was less than the 5-year average gain of 0.7million and the expected gain of 0.2 million. Inventories levels are a healthy 8.5% above last year and 5.2% above the 5-year average. Despite the weekly decline, stocks are at their third highest in the past 17 years for this date.

Spot and futures prices have risen the past 2 weeks as they follow crude upward. The spot price was up by 1.1 cents for the week and 10.5 over the past 2 weeks. At \$1.969/gal, it is only 4.4 cents (2.3%) higher than last year. The 12-month strip rose 0.4 cents this week and by 8.1 cents over the past 2 weeks. At \$2.023/gal, it was 8.7 cents (4.5%) higher than a year ago. Spot prices and futures prices are 43% below their 2008 peaks. Retail prices fell by 3.6 cents this past week and by 20.3 cents over the past 5 weeks. At \$2.895/gal, retail prices are 18.3 cents (6.7%) higher than a year ago but 34.1% (\$1.495) below 2008's peak.

